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Obituaries

Mrs. Barbara Jean Hilton Furr

Mrs. Barbara Jean Hilton Furr of Polkton, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, December 7, 2018, surrounded by her loving family.

A memorial service to celebrate her life was held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at Freedom Baptist Church in Peachland.

Barbara was born in York County, SC, a daughter of the late Marion Hency Hilton and the late Faye Hope Howell Hilton. She had worked at both

Polkton Shirt Company and for the MaLeck Woodcrafts Company in Wingate. She was a member at Freedom Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Henry C. Furr, Jr. of the home; daughter Becky Tucker (Eddie) of Chesterfield; son Henry C. Furr, III (Melissa) of Polkton; and four grandchildren, Kaylan and Erin Tucker and Jesse and Brianna Furr. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Marion H. Hilton, Jr.

Leavitt Funeral Home served the Furr family. Online condolences may be made at www.leavittfh.com.



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Pictured are Caleb Wilson as Ralphie, Terra Medlock as Mom, Mark Traywick as The Old Man, Tyson Leavitt as Randy.

This is Last Weekend for A Christmas Story at the Ansonia

The play *A Christmas Story* will be performed this weekend at the Ansonia Theatre. There are shows Friday and Saturday evenings, and a matinee on Sunday. This beloved holiday classic is based on the movie of the same name. The memoir, written by Jean Shepherd, tells the story of nine year old Ralphie Parker and his quest to get his dream gift from Santa, a genuine Red Ryder BB gun.

Despite warnings from his doting mother, teacher and friends that "he'll shoot his eye out" Ralphie is determined to make his wish come true, all while dealing with his cranky dad and the usual childhood challenges - school, bullies and, UGH, girls.

Caleb Wilson makes his stage debut as Ralphie in what promises to be a dynamite performance. The story is told by grown-up Ralphie, played by Chip Long. Mark Traywick and Terra Medlock of Marshville play Ralphie's parents, and Tyson Leavitt of Wadesboro plays brother Randy. His best friends, Schwartz and Flick, are played by Greyson Helms of Wadesboro and Austin Taylor of Rockingham. Those ugh! girls are played by Lela Chaney (Helen Weathers) and Cali Green (Esther Jane Alberly). Isaac Clarke plays the infamous bully Scut Farkas. Ralphie's teacher, Miss Shields, is played by Elizabeth Pfeifer. Elizabeth is new to Wadesboro, having just moved here from the District of Columbia area.

This play, which takes place in Hohman, Indiana in the 1940's, has become an American Christmas staple, bringing back Norman Rockwell nostalgia. Come join the wintry exploits with Ralphie as he struggles to make it to Christmas Day with his glasses and his hopes intact.

The performances are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. There are group rates for parties of 10 or more, so gather your friends and make it an evening out together. Tickets are selling fast so get yours before it's too late! Tickets can be purchased online at ansoniatheatre.com or by calling the box office at 704-694-4950.

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Consumers Reminded to be Aware of Imposter Scams Around the Holidays

Imposter scams come in many different forms, but they all work the same way: a scammer pretends to be someone you trust in an attempt to get money from you. Around the holidays, when people may be feeling more philanthropic than usual, it's important to be aware of these two common types of imposter scams:

- Grandparents scam: This scam has taken on many iterations over the years, but typically happens when someone claiming to be a beloved grandchild calls and asks for help, requesting money in the form of a wire transfer, prepaid debit card or gift card. There is usually an uptick in these types of scams this time of year and they have a holiday twist - the "grandchild" wants to come home for the holidays but needs money for car repairs or other travel expenses.

- Charity scam: It isn't hard to hack someone's email or social media account and impersonate someone you know. In this charity scam, in an effort to take advantage of the holiday spirit, someone who you think you know reaches out and either asks for money to help their family or claims to be taking donations on behalf of a family or charity in need.

In both of these scenarios, the best way to protect yourself is to take the time to verify. Reach out to your relative or friend by phone and ask if they are really in need of help. And remember that asking for a prepaid debit card or gift card is always a red flag. These types of payments cannot be traced or retrieved and are common among scammers.

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